## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-21 have been indicated to be allowed. However, the Examiner has issued an Ex parte Quayle action because of objections to the specification and claims 3, 4, 10, 11, 13-15, 17 and 18.

In response thereto, Applicants have amended the specification and claims in accordance with the suggestions made by the Examiner. Accordingly, the application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same is requested.

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